

SENATE RESOLUTION 93

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ruth Sharp of Newcomb.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ruth Sharp; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharp was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on October 8, 1928, in Clairfield, Ruth Sharp was the child of Sterling and Mary Meredith; the family moved from Stinking Creek to Newcomb when she was a senior in high school, and she graduated from Jellico High School; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Sharp served with acumen and alacrity for thirty years as an educator with the Campbell County school system, in which position she earned the respect of her students, peers, and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; she spent the last fifteen years of her career with Jellico Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, she had a deep love of reading and was particularly passionate about extracurricular education, chaperoning countless 4-H trips for children in her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharp was an active and devout member of Newcomb Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for more than fifty years as a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Sharp was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharp is survived by her son, Jerry Sharp; daughters, Jane Sharp Morrow and Cathy Sharp Kyker; grandchildren, Brad Sharp, Josh Sharp, Christie McFarland, Kevin Morrow, Jeremy Morrow, Chris Walden, and Jake Walden; great-grandchildren, Kayla,

Carter, Landon, Emory, Sloan, Patton, Landry, and Lincoln; brothers, Jennings Meredith, J.T. Meredith, and R.L. Meredith; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and other family; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Sharp; parents, Sterling and Mary Meredith; brothers, Ottis Meredith, Sterling Meredith, Jr., and Daniel Boone Meredith; and sisters, Marie Broyles, Viola Meredith, and Kathleen Morgan; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Sharp leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Ruth Sharp, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Sharp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.